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S. 1356

To amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 to clarify the limitation on the dumping of dredged material in Long Island Sound.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13 (legislative day, JULY 12), 1999

Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Long Island Sound
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LONG ISLAND SOUND PROTECTION.**

7 Section 106 of the Marine Protection, Research, and
8 Sanctuaries Act (33 U.S.C. 1416) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(f) In” and inserting the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(f) LONG ISLAND SOUND.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) MULTIPLE PROJECTS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall
 8 apply to a project described in paragraph (1)
 9 if—

10 “(i) 1 or more projects of that type
 11 produce, in the aggregate, dredged mate-
 12 rial in excess of 25,000 cubic yards; and

13 “(ii)(I) the project or projects are car-
 14 ried out in a proximate geographical area;
 15 or

16 “(II) the aggregate quantity of
 17 dredged material produced by the project
 18 or projects is transported, for dumping
 19 purposes, by the same barge.

20 “(B) REGULATIONS.—As soon as prac-
 21 ticable, but not later than 60 days after the
 22 date of enactment of this paragraph, the Ad-
 23 ministrator shall promulgate regulations that
 24 define the term ‘proximate geographical area’
 25 for purposes of subparagraph (A)(i).

1 “(3) DESIGNATED SITE.—Not later than 2
2 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
3 the Administrator shall designate under section
4 102(c) at least 1 site for the dumping of dredged
5 material generated in the vicinity of Long Island
6 Sound.

7 “(4) PROHIBITION ON DUMPING OF DREDGED
8 MATERIAL.—Except at the site or sites designated
9 under paragraph (3) (if the site or sites are located
10 in Long Island Sound), no dredged material shall be
11 dumped in Long Island Sound after the date on
12 which the Administrator designates at least 1 site
13 under paragraph (3).”.

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